GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:29
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FOOD SECURITY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita availability of foodgrains is rapidly declining in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch a Food Security Mission to increase the per- capita availability of foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the National Development Council has discussed the proposal regarding Food Security Mission in its conference held in Delhi; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 29 DUE FOR REPLY ON 13TH AUGUST, 2007.

(a) & (b): The per capita availability of foodgrains has been fluctuating over a period of time. The same for the last three years is shown in the following table:

(Kilogram per year)

Year	Per Capita Availability of Foodgrains
2004	168.9
2005	154.2
2006(P)	162.3

The apparent decline in per capita availability of foodgrains is due to a decline in production particularly in 2002-03 and 2004-05 caused by drought conditions and aberrant weather.

(c) to (f): In order to increase production and productivity and thereby the per capita availability of foodgrains, the National Development Council (NDC), in its meeting held on 29th May, 2007, adopted a resolution to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10 million, 8 million and 2 million tonnes respectively by 2011. Government has initiated action to implement the NDC resolution, through the National Food Security Mission.